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TO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: USG/GOM BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 381 AND 696

GENEVA FOR PHELAN

1. WHILE DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS WHY DEBRUYNE FEELS GOM CAN
NEITHER PLACE CAVEAT IN PROPOSED AGREEMENT NOR EXCHANGE RPT
EXCHANGE LETTERS ON SUBJECT, AT SAME TIME DEPARTMENT
BELIEVES THERE MUST BE SOME INDICATION IN THE RECORD
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LINKING THE ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL YARDAGE WITH THE US MARKET

SITUATION AT THE TIME GOM MIGHT BE ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH ADDITIONAL YARDAGE. DEBRUYNE HIMSELF SEEMS TO PROVIDE THAT LINKAGE IN PARA C OF YOUR 381 BY STATING GOM POSITION IS THAT CONSIDERATIONS OF US MARKET DOWNTURNS ARE A FUNCTION OF CONSULTATIONS PROVIDED FOR IN PROPOSED AGREEMENT.

2. ACCORDINGLY, DEPARTMENT PROPOSES THAT AMBASSADOR SEND SEPARATE, INFORMAL LETTER NOW TO DEBRUYNE RESTATING USG UNDERSTANDING OF GOM POSITION ON THIS MATTER AS FOLLOWS:

SALUTATION

IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE PROPOSED NEW BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND, PARTICULARLY, WITH REFERENCE TO PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE DRAFT FORMAL AGREEMENT, I SHOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT MY GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO COMPLY FULLY WITH PARAGRAPH 6 IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE MARKET SITUATION IN THE UNITED STATES AT THE TIME WHEN SUCH ADDITIONAL YARDAGE WOULD BE ACCORDED. THUS, DEPENDING ON THE US MARKET CONDITIONS AT THAT TIME, THE UNITED STATES MAY WISH TO CONSULT WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT IN APPLYING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 6. SUCH CONSULTATIONS WOULD, MY GOVERNMENT BELIEVES, FALL WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE CONSULTATIONS FORESEEN IN PARAGRAPH 8 (B) OF THE DRAFT FORMAL AGREEMENT.

CLOSING LANGUAGE

3. THIS LETTER REQUIRES NO RESPONSE FROM DEBRUYNE AND

WOULD NOT BE PART OF FORMAL AGREEMENT. INASMUCH AS WE DO NOT EXPECT A REPLY FROM DEBRUYNE TO THIS LETTER, HE SHOULD HAVE NO FURTHER PROBLEM AS THE LETTER SIMPLY RESTATES, ACCORDING TO YOUR 381, DEBRUYNE'S OWN UNDER-

STANDING OF WHAT CAN PROPERLY BE CONSTRUED AS A MATTER FOR CONSULTATIONS. FOR OUR PART, THE ABOVE LETTER IS SUFFICIENT, AND WE WOULD DROP ALL MENTION OF THE CAVEAT IN THE FORMAL NOTE.

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4. EMBASSY SHOULD HAND-CARRY THE ABOVE LETTER TO DEBRUYNE AND ORALLY EMPHASIZE TO HIM THAT WHILE WE DO NOT WISH TO JEOPARDIZE THE ENTIRE BILATERAL OVER THIS ONE MATTER, WE DO FEEL IT ONLY APPROPRIATE THAT SOME RECOGNITION BE GIVEN TO THE LINKAGE BETWEEN THE ADDITIONAL CONTEMPLATED YARDAGE AND THE MARKET SITUATION IN THE UNITED STATES. FYI THE LETTER, WHICH REQUIRES NO RESPONSE, ACCORDS THAT RECOGNITION AND MAKES CLEAR THAT US ABILITY TO PROVIDE THE

ADDITIONAL YARDAGE UNDER PARAGRAPH 6 MUST BE A FUNCTION
OF PREVAILING MARKET CONDITIONS AND, HENCE, CANNOT
AUTOMATICALLY BE ACCORDED. END FYI.

5. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT RPT NOT SEND LETTER SUGGESTED YOUR
696 AS IT WOULD CAUSE DEBRUYNE TO RESUBMIT BILATERAL TO
GOM CABINET WHICH DEPARTMENT FEELS IS UNNECESSARY. INGERSOLL

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